

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-26 without prejudice.

REMARKS

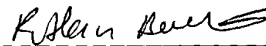
Examination of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant received a restriction requirement in the parent case of the present application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted together with a divisional application to (1) insert the required cross-reference to the parent case, and (2) cancel the claims elected in the parent case and continue prosecution of claims not elected in the parent case. No new matter has been added. Claims 27-31 remain pending in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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